REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiners Patel and Calvert for their guidance in prosecuting the instant application.

Previous claims 1-6 were deleted and new claims 7-12 were entered via examiner's amendment. Applicants have proposed amendments to claims 7-9 and 11-12.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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